

Appl. No. 10/081,412
Amendment Dated December 15, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 13, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer including authorization to charge the required disclaimer fee to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

Applicants also submit with this amendment a request for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, together with authorization to charge the extension fee (\$475.00) to the above-identified Deposit Account.

The filing of a Terminal Disclaimer herewith is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection set forth in the Office Action with respect to Claims 1 through 36 and also with respect to new Claims 37 through 45.

Applicants submit with this amendment new Claims 37 through 45 which are believed to be necessary to fairly protect the instant invention. Claims 37 through 45 are believed to define patentably over the prior art of record in this application. Favorable consideration for allowance of new Claims 37 through 45 is respectfully solicited.

An early Notice of Allowance of Claims 1 through 45 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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